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15 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Projects Review Committee

FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

SUBJECT: Proposal for the Building of an Apparatus to Produce Microfilm Enlargements

1. It is proposed that CIA give financial support to the [REDACTED] to build a prototype model of an apparatus which can produce enlarged prints through a one step operation from microfilm at the rate of one or more prints per minute. More detailed description of the apparatus and the estimated cost is contained, under the heading Project I in a letter from the [REDACTED] dated September 26, 1951, which is attached as Tab A. Another letter dated October 19, 1951, which is attached as Tab B answers a question raised by this office in regard to the ability of the apparatus to make prints from 16mm as well as 35mm microfilm.

2. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide an answer to a long standing need for a simple, direct method for obtaining positive prints from roll or aperture card mounted microfilm, particularly for the microfilm reading room of the CIA Library where many requests for prints are received from analysts of ORR and OSI. The benefits to be derived would be the ability to produce an enlarged, dry, print on the spot without the use of chemicals and elaborate developing and printing apparatus employed in Photographic Laboratories.

3. The nature and extent of approved policy encompassing the above proposal is embodied in the mission of the Machine Division, OCD, which states "to conduct research and experimentation to uncover or develop new machine techniques required by OCD and, upon request, for other offices of CIA, the IAC and other agencies".

4. Other than normal coordinating liaison, no support is required. The estimated cost will be \$25,000 as indicated in Tab A.

5. The various divisions of OCD long ago made known to the Machine Division their desire to have this division uncover or develop a straight-forward, immediate method for producing enlarged prints from microfilm. Upon being made aware of the possibilities existing in phototherm to produce the desired results, OCD is desirous that this project be pursued as rapidly as possible. It is

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therefore recommended that the necessary funds be made available at the earliest possible date.

/s/
James M. Andrews

Concur:

/s/ Max F. Millikan
Assistant Director, ORR

/s/ H. M. Chadwell
Assistant Director, OSI

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